

## HCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2021

Meeting Began 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

### Attendees:

President – W1AST Larry      Vice President – AA1WH Marcel  
Secretary – NF1G Paul      Treasurer – KC1FQV Duane  
ZeroBeat – KD1KU Ken      Tech. Dir. – AB1ZA Najm  
At Large – WA1OJN Bob      Membership – K1VOI John  
Program Dir. – AA1UE Gary

### Unable to Attend:

#### **President's Report: Larry, W1AST**

- Larry provided a brief update on the NEACC meeting. No major announcements.
- Larry stressed the need to find a volunteer to organize classes.

#### **Vice President's Report: Marcel, AA1WH**

- Marcel lead a discussion regarding the need to establish rules over the use of the Club's email list in light of recent events. Paul agreed to work with Marcel in drafting a set of rules for discussion.
- Balloon relaunch has been delayed due to unfavorable weather and atmospheric conditions. Looking to possible mid-winter, early Spring.

#### **Secretary's Report: Paul, NF1G**

- Trailer inventory completed. Equipment insurance application process is underway.
- State and Federal Annual Reports have been filed so all are up-to-date.
- Dinner selection tickets have been prepared for each choice. Paul will coordinate attendee list with Duane. Attendees will receive their tickets upon arrival at the Steaming Tender.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Duane, KC1FQV**

Balance per bank, September 1, 2021	\$8,049.24
Income	
Dues and donations, net of Paypal fees	414.74
Interest on Savings	.01
Expenses	
Postage for QSL Cards	<u>11.33</u>
Balance per bank, September 30, 2021	<u>\$8,049.24</u>

Holiday Party reservations are starting to be received.

#### **Program Director's Report: Gary, AA1UE**

Fall meetings, at least initially, will continue via Zoom due to unavailability of Holyoke Hospital meeting room.

Nov 5: Bob, N1NUG, POTA & Creating a Youtube Channel

Dec 6: Holiday Party at the Steaming Tender, December 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Jan 7: Charlie, KC1IKA, Power & Go Box Design & Construction

Feb 4: DX Engineering – Building a Contest station (tentative)

Mar 4: Marcel, AA1WH, Balloon Launch

Apr 1: Show & Tell

May 6: OPEN

Jun 3: Elections & Field Day

#### **Membership Report: John, K1VOI (via email)**

Total Members: 78  
Regular Members: 69  
Prospects:  
Life: 3  
Family: 6

Renewals are beginning in September. Above represents renewals through the meeting date. Members will be contacted and reminders in ZeroBeat and through email.

#### **At Large: Bob, WA1OJN**

- No report

#### **Technical: Najm, AB1ZA**

- Najm discussed project to enable analog to digital modulation using computer- to-computer communication. Najm presented an outline and suggested he could present either as a fill in as a meeting speaker or as a separate STK (Share the Knowledge) session.

#### **ZeroBeat: Ken, KD1KU**

- Dues are due for 21/22 Zerobeat will include reminders
- Advertising for General class – volunteers for organizing and instructors needed – email [W1AST@arrl.net](mailto:W1AST@arrl.net)

#### **New Business:**

- Need suggestions for Share the Knowledge sessions.

#### **Old Business:**

- Holiday Party returns to the Steaming Tender on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Menu consists of four plated choices as COVIS prevents buffet style. HCRA and FCARC Members plus spouses invited. COVID vaccinations required.
- Tickets will be sold through the mail at a cost of \$25 each. No tickets will be available at the door.
- Minimum will be 50 people but early interest is positive. HCRA will cover the cost of the room rental, expected to be \$300 – 450.
- "Worked All HCRA" certificate still being worked on by Larry and rules will be created and finalized. KC1DKY working on design.

**Next Club Meeting: Friday, November 5, 2021 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM (via Zoom)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM**